

Union Maid – Woody Guthrie

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There [G] once was a union maid, she [C] never was [G] afraid
Of [C] goons and ginks and [G] company finks and
the [A7] deputy sheriffs who [D7] made the raid.

She [G] went to the union hall when a [C] meeting it was [G] called,
And [C] when the Legion [G] boys come 'round
She [Am] always [D7] stood her [G] ground.

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I'm sticking to the [D7] union, I'm sticking to the [G] union. [G7]
Oh, you [C] can't scare me, I'm sticking to the [G] union,
I'm sticking to the [D7] union 'til the day I [G] die.

This [G] union maid was wise to the [C] tricks of company [G] spies,
She [C] couldn't be fooled by a [G] company stool,
she'd [A7] always orga[D7]nize the guys.
She [G] always got her way when she [C] struck for better [G] pay.
She'd [C] show her card to the [G] National Guard
And [Am] this is [D7] what she'd [G] say

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You [G] gals who want to be free, just [C] take a tip from [G] me;
Get [C] you a man who's a [G] union man
and [A7] join the ladies' [D7] auxiliary.
Married [G] life ain't hard when you [C] got a union [G] card,
A union [Am] man has a [D7] happy life when he's got a union [G] wife.

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